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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John Hefti et al.

Application No.: 09/365,978

Filed: August 2, 1999

For: SWITCHABLE BIO-ASSAY
DEVICE (as amended)

Examiner: C. CHIN

Art Unit: 1641

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated May 23, 2001, for one month, from August 23, 2001 to September 23, 2001. An appropriate response in the form of a CPA is enclosed herewith.

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